

The following amendments are respectfully request to be entered:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, lines 10-14 are amended to read:

Q¹ A method of solving the reversion problem is disclosed in commonly assigned and co-filed patent application US Serial Number 09/747,230, (Attorney Docket Number ASP-009), filed December 22, 2000. The present invention offers another solution to treating aldehydes in a manner that does not require additional treating agents.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Q² 28. (Amended) The device of claim 24, wherein the aminated surfaces are selected from the group consisting of animated polysaccharides, chitosan, and mixtures thereof.

REMARKS

Claims 22-31 are pending in the application and Applicant's election of these claims are hereby affirmed. The specification has been amended as requested by the Examiner. Applicant has corrected typographical errors in claim 28.

§102(b)

The Examiner rejected claim 22 under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by US 5,998,184 (Shi). This rejection is respectfully traversed.